

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1041 – SB 1056

March 22, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Wildlife Resources Director and the Director's agents to issue a sport hunting and fishing license to combat veterans, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians who reside outside of Tennessee who are 50 percent service connected disabled. Requires an annual \$10 fee for license.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue - \$4,671/Wildlife Resources Fund

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004227): Deletes all language of the original bill except for the effective date provision. Creates a new sport hunting and fishing license for a cost of \$10 to be issued for a ten-day period to non-residents of Tennessee who by reason of any war are 50 percent or more disabled and are participating in a hunting or fishing activity in Tennessee sponsored by a 501(c)(3) or 501 (c)(19) organization as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501. Requires director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to accept as evidence of a service-connected disability a certification from the veterans' administration.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact - \$6,500/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), the agency estimates approximately 250 ten-day hunting and fishing licenses will be issued pursuant to the amended bill for \$10 per license.
- TWRA indicated the agency sold 179,128 non-resident hunting and fishing licenses in FY12-13 for an average fee of \$37.00 per license.
- TWRA indicates the cost of non-resident licenses in FY15-16 will average approximately \$45 per license.
- Eighty percent (or 200) of the 250 new licenses issued pursuant to the amended bill will be issued in lieu of non-resident licenses that will be issued under current law.
- Twenty percent (or 50) will be new licenses issued where no licenses would have been issued in the absence of the amended bill.
- Therefore, the net recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$6,500 $[(200 \times \$45) - (250 \times \$10)]$.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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